

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 22 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-21 and 23-24 are pending and under consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejection is overcome by the terminal disclaimer filed concurrently herewith.

Regarding the objections and rejections of claims 22 and 25, these objections/rejections are now moot.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

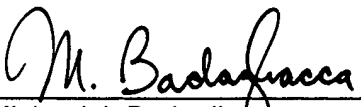
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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